

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 710

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A RESOLUTION to honor Austin Peay State University Head Coach Dave Loos on becoming the winningest coach in Ohio Valley Conference men's basketball history.

WHEREAS, the citizens of this great State and their elected representatives are extremely proud to honor one of the most accomplished and renowned coaches in collegiate basketball; and

WHEREAS, Austin Peay State University Head Coach Dave Loos recently achieved coaching immortality in becoming the winningest coach in Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) men's basketball history; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2009, Coach Loos passed former Murray State and University of Tennessee at Martin coaching legend Cal Luther by tallying his 320th Austin Peay victory when the Austin Peay State University Governors defeated the Ohio University Bobcats by a score of 68-66; and

WHEREAS, currently in his 20th illustrious season of coaching men's basketball at Austin Peay State University, few coaches in the history of men's basketball have cast such an extraordinary presence over the game; and

WHEREAS, the only Division I basketball coach who also serves as athletics director at his university, Dave Loos has been named OVC Coach of the Year five times; and

WHEREAS, he has led Austin Peay to three NCAA tournament appearances and six postseason appearances, with five coming in this past decade; and

WHEREAS, his teams have finished .500 or better in the OVC race for the last sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Loos recorded five 20-win seasons in the past decade, including a University record-tying 24 victories in the 2007-08 season; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as head coach, he has led the Governors to three 16-win OVC seasons, including a league-record 16-0 mark in 2003-04; and

WHEREAS, Dave Loos became Austin Peay State University's all-time winningest coach in the winter of 2007, surpassing the legendary Dave Aaron (258 wins, 1946-62); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary accomplishment, outgoing president Dr. Sherry Hoppe named the playing floor Dave Loos Court in his honor; and

WHEREAS, in the winter of 2008, Coach Loos was inducted into the Austin Peay State University Athletics Hall of Fame, one of four halls of fame that count him as a member; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2009, Dave Loos recorded his 400th career victory with the 76-71 overtime win against Southeast Missouri State University; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are especially proud to pause in their deliberations to recognize this esteemed gentleman and his extraordinary coaching accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Austin Peay State University Head Coach Dave Loos on becoming the men's all-time coaching career win leader in OVC basketball history, applaud him for his outstanding level of success and his dedication to excellence both on and off the court and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success, both personally and professionally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.